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GASTRORESISTANT PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORM COMPRISING N-(2-(2-PHTHALIMIDOETHOXY)-ACETYL)-L-ALANYL-D-GLUTAMIC ACID (LK-423)

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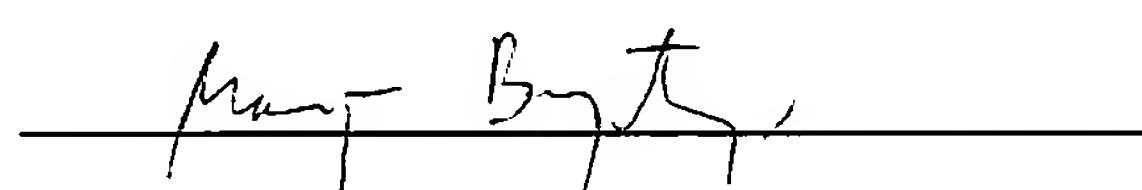
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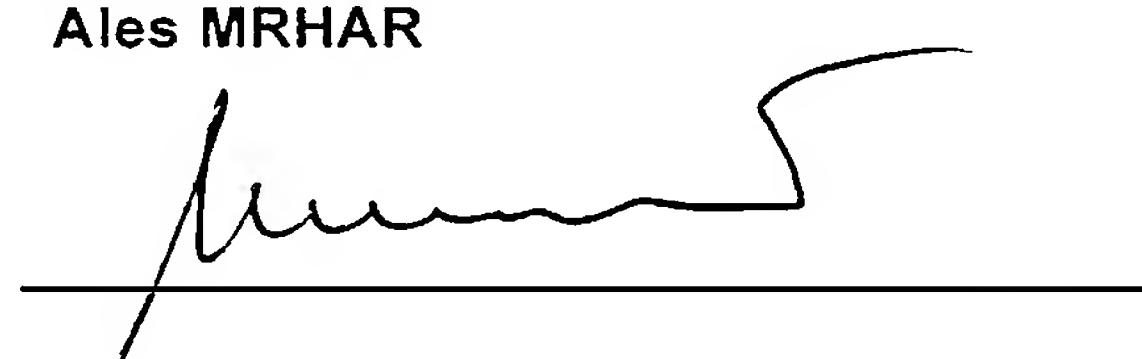
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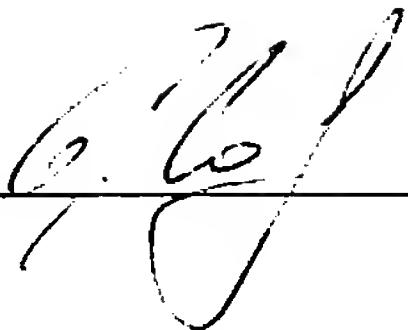
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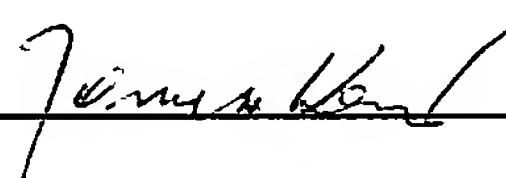
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